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Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request No. 2019-IGFO-00227  
Acknowledgement Letter

Dear Ms. Best:

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG), dated August 27, 2019, seeking a list of closed investigations during calendar year 2015. DHS-OIG received your request on August 27, 2019, and assigned it the above-referenced tracking number.

Your request has been placed in the queue for processing in the order in which it was received. We anticipate responding to your request within 20 business days. Please note, however, that the actual time required to respond to your request depends on the number and types of responsive records identified and located in our records search. Unfortunately, we cannot predict exactly when your request will be processed, as we currently have a large backlog of requests; however, we are using our best efforts to process all requests with due diligence. We, therefore, appreciate your patience as we proceed with your request.

In accordance with DHS regulation 6 C.F.R. § 5.3(c), this letter also confirms your agreement to incur all applicable fees involved in the processing of your request, up to the amount of \$25.00. You will be notified should fees exceed this amount.

We have not yet made a decision on your request for a fee waiver. We will do so after we determine whether fees will be assessed for this request.

To check the status of your FOIA request, contact us at 202-981-6100, [foia.oig@oig.dhs.gov](mailto:foia.oig@oig.dhs.gov), or check status online at <http://www.dhs.gov/foia-status>. Refer to the above-referenced tracking number if you contact us

regarding your request. If we require additional information, we will contact you.

Sincerely,

*Steven G. Phelps*

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